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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: **DUPLICATION SPACE** without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: \boxtimes An abstract together with 33 pages of specification and claims including 23 numbered claims and also attached is/are sheets of accompanying drawings. 17 \boxtimes This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s): Application No. Country Filing Date 23 February 2001 01 04 487.4 GB respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): Application No. Filing Date respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby <u>cf</u>aimed therefrom. Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached. This application is a \square continuation/ \square division/ \square continuation-in-part of application Serial No. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a \square continuation/ \square division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. . filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee. Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Other: Canadian DIONNE Inventor: Carl (citizenship) (first) MI (last) Residence: (city) (state/country) Quebec, Canada Montreal 4981 Lafontaine, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Mailing Address: (Zip Code) H1V 1R9 Martin LAVOIE Canadian 2. Inventor: (first) MΙ (last) (citizenship) Longueuile (state/country) Quebec, Canada Residence: (city) 589 Labonte, Longueuile, Quebec, Canada Mailing Address: (Zip Code) J4H 2R5 See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!! Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington. Virginia 22201. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Larry S. Nixon, Reg. No. 25,640 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 LSN:Imy